

# Manzanar Guidance for News Crews

Manzanar National Historic Site is best known for its wartime history associated with the confinement of Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants. However, its layers of the past echo the larger themes of American history, including the displacement of indigenous people, the settlement of ranchers and farmers, water wars, and the consequences of prejudice.

- Utmost care will be taken to see that no natural, recreational, or cultural features are impaired, especially during loading/unloading and set-up/take-down activities.
  - News crews will only use park roads that are open and publicly accessible. News crews will also park in designated parking lots or turnouts along the Auto Tour Road unless otherwise authorized.
  - News crew members will not climb on/prop equipment on the obelisk monument, garden fences, or any other cultural landmark.
  - News crew members will respect fenced boundaries for gardens and areas of special concern on the site.
  - News crew members may not relocate or collect the cultural or natural resources of the park site. Those resources include unlikely objects such as rusty nails, tin can lids, broken bottles, or rocks.
  - News crews will clear the area of all equipment, props, and trash, returning the site to its original condition immediately upon completion of the event and leaving it in a condition satisfactory to the NPS.
  - When talking to visitors, be aware that they may have personal connections to this history. Please be sensitive.
- Issuance of these expectations does not guarantee exclusive use of an area.
  - News crews agree not to interfere with use of any area by park visitors and may not deny public access to NPS lands or facilities.
  - News crews must maintain a safe work space while gathering the news as areas that are open to news crews are also open to the general public.
  - News crews will be self-contained; the park will not provide generators, power, etc.
- All park visitors and news crews are required to comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, Superintendent's compendium, as well as Departmental guidelines and park regulations contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The launching, landing, or operating of an unmanned aircraft (drone or similar) from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service is prohibited.
- For purposes of this guidance, news crews are defined as news media on assignment for a regularly scheduled news broadcast or publication.

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